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Sir:

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as

follows:

**IN THE PATENT:**

Column 1, lines 4 through 18, delete the entire paragraph and insert the following:

~~--This application is a Reissue of Ser. No. 238,080, filed May 3, 1994, now U.S. Patent  
No. 5,750,338, which is a continuation of application Ser. No. 124,826, filed Sept. 21, 1993, now  
abandoned, which is a continuation of application Ser. No. 946,749, filed Sept. 17, 1992, now  
abandoned, which is a continuation of application Ser. No. 648,468, filed Jan. 31, 1991, now  
abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 644,967, filed Jan. 22, 1991.~~

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~~now abandoned, which is a continuation of application Ser. No. 136,920, filed Dec. 21, 1987,  
now abandoned and hereby incorporated by reference, which application is a continuation-in-part  
of application Ser. No. 922,155, filed Oct. 23, 1986, now abandoned and hereby incorporated by  
reference.--~~

#### REMARKS

The Patent Owner has amended the specification to reflect the correct continuing information. Also submitted is a Certificate of Correction that was issued in U.S. Patent No. 5,750,338, and reflects the correct continuing information.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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